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BOY BANDIT WAS PRISONER HERE

Johnny Bowman, Suspect in Slidell Bank Affair in Houston Holdup

Johnny Bowman, the youthful bank robber, who was the principal in the sensational burglary on the Guaranty bank in Houston on Wednesday morning of last week, is well known to the officers of this county. Bowman was in jail here for several months during Sheriff Faith's last term of office. He was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Charley Sharp when he was searching the Audubon country, soon after the attempted raid on the Slidell State bank, which occurred on Jan. 30, 1914. When the posse came up on the three near a gulch in the Audubon country, Bowman was asleep, probably accounts for his capture. The other men, supposed now to be the desperate characters with Bowman on the Houston job, escaped from the Wise county officers. Bowman ran into the arms of Deputy Sharp and that officer promptly took him. While a prisoner in the county jail, Bowman was polite and one of the model prisoners. When the jail delivery was made Feb. 10, 1914, Bowman refused to go. In the latter part of that month Attorney Frank J. Ford defended Bowman in court and he was acquitted of the burglary charges. No damaging evidence was produced at the trial concerning him with the Slidell affair. Soon after his release from the jail here Bowman went to his home in Oklahoma, where he remained for several weeks. A few days ago Bowman and his father were charged with robbing a bank at Broken Arrow, Okla. After being placed in jail, it is said that Johnny offered to enter a plea of guilty to the charge provided his father was given his liberty. This, the story goes, the prosecuting officer refused to agree to. The two men were brought to trial, and both cases were beaten. The next heard of Bowman he was passing through Fort Worth, going to South Texas, "to begin life anew and live right," he told the police officials when he called at the city hall to pay his respects. In a short time the Houston Guaranty Fund bank robbery occurred. Bowman entered the bank alone and single handedly robbed the cashier's till of \$6,000. The cashier and assistant were driven into the vault and locked up by the young bandit. The robbery occurred in broad daylight. Officers stationed near the bank building saw Bowman leave the bank in a run with silver dollars falling from the bag he carried. They gave chase and rounded up Bowman in a case two blocks away. When the officers entered the room Bowman and his confederates were counting the money preparing to divide it. A duel ensued as the officers forced open the door. The three robbers were shot, Bowman receiving a dangerous wound in the leg, and he thought the limb will have to be amputated. Two officers were wounded, Bowman shooting one of them. The affair created great excitement in Houston and hundreds of people were attracted to the scene. For several days the officers could not identify the robbers. State Bank Officer Boyd called at the jail where the wounded burglars were, but he could not positively identify them. Finally it came to light that the three men were among the most desperate and fearless robbers in the south. The Houston Chronicle has the following to say about Johnny Bowman, who was in the Wise county jail for several months:

It developed Thursday that smiling little Johnnie Bowman, whose identification yesterday caused such a stir in police circles, is not nearly so famous as Nolan and Austin. In fact, Johnnie has played "second string" "Diggs" on many occasions, according to the Pinkerton and Burns brothers. As told in the Chronicle yesterday, Bowman was convicted of robbing a bank at Hamilton, Hamilton county, of \$15,000, along with Will Probst and Eddie

BAYLOR COLLEGE BOYS DEFEATED

Schulkey, Former Decatur Star, Shows Up Team Mates of The Bears

After making a sensational rally in the last half of the game to recover the glories of her debut game for the season that was clearly going to the visitors the first few minutes of the goal battle, Baylor's basketball team went down before the quintette from Decatur Baptist college with a score of 25 to 34, on the local Baptist court last night.

With a rush the perfectly working Decatur team had everything their own way the first half of the game and closed the half with a score of 23 to 5. Baylor seemed to be driven to a hopeless defence by the fast visitors. But the large opening season crowd was treated to a near sensation when Schulkey of the Baylor Bears rang four goals within two minutes after the second half started and swung around the unbalanced tide of the game.

The Decatur boys put up a fast game with wonderful team work. Foster proved an almost certain goal getter every time he shot the spheroid toward the basket, but in individual shots he was surpassed by Schulkey of Baylor, who slipped nine balls through the rings. Gettys, the six-foot-four center of the visitors, proved a facile handler of the ball, with four goals to his credit.

What the local Baptist lacked in solidity and precision in shooting goals they made up in hard playing and surer team work. Schulkey proved an easy star for the Bears, with Captain Harrell, Salters, Penrod and Leach as strong accessories. The Decatur team is acknowledged as one of the strongest teams in the state, the college specializing in basketball.

When other schools are lining up their football teams the Decatur collegians taboo the pigskin sport and start their basketball training. Most of the players on the team last night had worked together two or three years.

An hour after the game Coach Mosley left with the Baylorites for a game with Rice Institute at Houston today and one with the College Station Aggies tomorrow. Since last night saw the Baylor players working together in their first scheduled game, the local Baptists expressed satisfaction at the showing made against so strong a team and look forward to a good account of the quintette during the season.

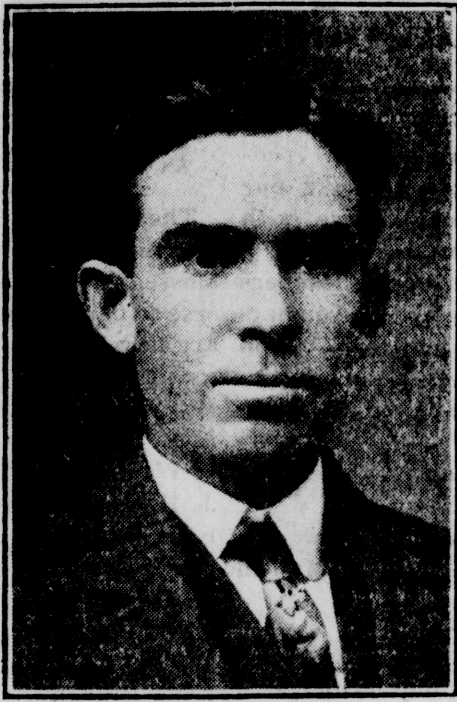
The lineup: Baylor—Position. Decatur Harrell, Salters, Forward..... Foster Schulkey, Conn. Forward..... Griffith Barrett, Leach, Center..... Gettys Kennedy..... Guard..... Potet Penrod..... Guard..... Smith Spencer..... Guard..... Bloodworth Summary—Goals: For Baylor, Schulkey, 9; Salters, 2; Decatur, Foster, 7; Griffith, 2; Potet, 2; Fouls: For Baylor, Spencer, 3; Decatur, Foster, 3; Gettys 1. Time of halves 15 minutes. Referee, Stotter (Indiana.)—Waco News.

Marvin. Probst served his time but Marvin escaped and is still a fugitive. Bowman's case was affirmed by the appellate court but on rehearing was reversed and he finally was acquitted.

Johnnie has had good luck with the law. Many times he has been arrested and charged with such offenses as safe blowing and burglary, but he has always managed to beat them. He is the youngster identified by Cashier Dyer of the Guaranty State bank as the person committing the actual robbery; the person who went into the bank alone, subdued the cashier and his assistant with a pistol and took away \$6,000.

His big break was in leaving a veritable trail of money behind him—dollars and half dollars he threw in his flight because they burdened him. By "occupation" he is recorded as a jockey. The police of Kansas City, Fort Worth and Houston have known him as "Jimmy

New County Officers



LORY D. WHITE

The popular district clerk of Wise county is 32 years of age; he was born on a farm near the Montague-Cooke line. His father, G. W. White, a most worthy citizen, died when Lory was at a tender age. After his death, the family, consisting of Mrs. White and five children, moved to a farm in Erath county, where they lived about seven years. Then they moved to Wise county, locating at Bridgeport. Lory attended the schools there, and by hard application fitted himself for the battles of life. He went before the people as a candidate for district clerk; the voters appreciated his manner of meeting them; they thought they saw in him splendid timber for a good, competent clerk. Lory was elected, and since taking over the duties coming to him with the honor he has been diligent, painstaking and courteous in his official capacity. He is a splendid fellow; honest and true as steel to his friends. Soon after being elected to his second term, Lory saw pleasure and profit in a part of Horace Greeley's advice, "Go west, young man, and grow up with the country." Lory "went west" but did not locate and grow up with the country. He went to Abilene and returned with a bride, a most charming lady. Lory D. appreciates what the voters of Wise county have done for him, and his best efforts are given to make them a good officer.

TEACHERS AT CHICO

At 10 o'clock Saturday morning about forty teachers met in the high school building at Chico and carried out an interesting program. Rev. Chambers of the Methodist church of Chico, delivered the welcome address. He said, "There has come a time when the teachers of this country must take greater pride in their profession, and that they must command greater esteem from their fellows in other professions of equal attainment and ability." He further said, in speaking for the people of Chico, that he was glad that the teachers met there, and he extended to them a hearty welcome. Supt. Johnston of Bridgeport, in his pleasing manner, responded to the address of welcome. Mr. Johnston agreed in his remarks, "that the day of the ill-prepared teacher had passed; that teachers must take a greater pride in their profession; that the teaching profession is the noblest and most exacting of all the professions—offering the poorest rewards." He said, "This institute is enervating, vitalizing, having a tendency to bind the teachers in greater harmony, and to inspire them to greater efforts. We are glad that we are here."

Discipline as a teaching process" was discussed by Miss Jettie Donald. She declared that the teacher who whips is an absolute failure. That whipping is a last resort, and that the teacher who whips virtually admits that they have failed by so doing.

Mr. S. H. Culwell very interestingly discussed "Keeping pupils busy." He said that many devices for keeping them busy should be used; that supplementary reading should be given in connection with their work, and give them all they can do, not giving them time to be idle. Too much time is wasted in the school room. Mr. Wilson lead the discussion, "Whether or not rural schools should follow the course of study as given by the state. After the discussion, by a vote of the teachers present it was shown that the larger majority of them were following the course of study to the letter.

Bowen," but Bowman is his real name. Johnnie is a marvel of reticence. While the authorities sweat and fume, so to speak, because they have not been able to positively establish the identity of the smiling John Doe as the only "Diggs" Nolan, he refuses absolutely to say a word that would throw light on his companion's identity. "Johnnie," said an officer, "your friend in there said he was not mixed

Hon. Peyton Irving addressed the institute in behalf of the Industrial congress. Miss Hazel Watson and Miss Lola Wilkerson charmed the audience with splendid piano selections.

At twelve the teachers adjourned for lunch in the domestic economy room of the high school building. Lunch (more like a six o'clock dinner,) was served by the Mothers' club of Chico. Mrs. S. W. Henderson, Mrs. R. L. Morris, Mrs. J. G. Siddons and Mrs. Maude Bass served the visiting teachers in a very delightful manner. After-dinner speeches were made by Brandon Trussell, A. S. Johnston, S. H. Culwell, B. Bradford, Mr. Siddons, Mr. Sparks, Miss Jettie Donald, Mr. Flowers, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Henderson. All of the speakers singing the praises of Chico, and the Mothers' club especially; that Chico never did anything by halves, and that no bouquet was to pretty or speech too pleasing for the Mothers' club. Supt. Henderson in giving a toast, said, "Teachers should assert their individuality. Their individuality ought to be asserted in affairs of state, of nation and of home. Of all the professions, that of the teaching profession comes nearest the home and the individual; that it wields a greater influence on all men than on other callings. Teachers should stand for something; possess high ideals and carry them out. The greatest way for teachers to assert themselves is to advertise their school, put it on the map, be a leader in community affairs and show that the school stands for something as well as other institutions."

At 1 o'clock other school problems were discussed. Mr. Culwell, Misses Watson and Wilkerson favored the teachers with excellent musical selections. Supt. Henderson gave a scholarly address on "Agriculture in the rural schools." The institute adjourned when a resolution had been introduced thanking the people of Chico, the Mothers' club and Mr. Henderson for their royal treatment to the visiting teachers.

up in the robbery." "Well, he ought to know, don't you think?" the boy answered. "What's his name, Johnnie?" the officer persisted. Johnnie smiled pityingly. "You must be new on this game," he replied. "Go ask him what his name is."—Houston Chronicle.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Mayor
L. D. RATLIFF

ARE POORLY PAID.

The Messenger still holds to the opinion that the office of county commissioner is one of the most important positions within the gift of the people. The work going with the office is of the utmost importance to every man, woman and child in the county. The duties are many—and the compensation ridiculously low. A Wise county commissioner receives less than any officer in the county; less than what most any boy well up in his teens can earn. The Messenger contends that the commissioners of Wise county should receive a salary in keeping with the responsibilities and duties going with the office. Under the present system the commissioner can't devote the time necessary to the work. When he does, his personal affairs suffer. Give our commissioner a salary that will enable him to devote more of his time to the many problems affecting the vital interests of our people. In our efforts to assist in this matter of bettering the conditions as they exist, the Messenger has written its good friend Hon. French Spencer to use his efforts to have Wise county commissioners paid a reasonable amount. While the Messenger stands alone in the county newspaper field in its contention that the commissioners should be better paid, yet, we hold that the broad-minded citizenship of Wise county sees the merit in the proposition.

The editor of the Wise County Messenger says he has just seen a sample of the new currency, and he pronounces it first-class. As a matter of fact, it is the best money that has been manufactured in this country for years. A Fort Worth patriot told us that he valued it much higher than the old money, because it is signed by democrats. He had several chances to accumulate a fortune, but did not want so much money bearing the names of republicans. Now he can go ahead and get rich. Personally we were not this particular. It is true that we did not accumulate a fortune during the sixteen years that Satanites were in power, but it was not because that vicious party permitted the demons of Wall street to rob us. It is true that we have not accumulated a fortune under the democratic administration, but the reason is plain. Like thousands of others we formed the habit of being broke while the republicans were in power, and like most habits it is hard to shake off. In fact, we believe that it clings to a man with more determination than any other habit. We know a man who smoked for twenty years and then broke himself of the awful habit. He did it by taking up the chewing accomplishment. He never thinks of smoking now, and he is one of the most graceful chewers in his town. We knew a fellow who used swear words for nearly forty years and then quit. He had some kind of trouble that caused him to lose his voice. Men quit bad habits almost every day—but when the habit of being broke once fastens itself to a man—when it gets a good foothold—you can go back to him after half a century and you are pretty apt to find him with that same old habit.—Callan in Star-Telegram.

A recent ruling of the supreme court is calculated to have a checking effect on the numerous cases coming under the Mann white slave law. The woman in the case is subject to trial, so states the court.

Again, the Messenger would take the lead in boosting the fall fair. Gentlemen of the fair association—LET'S GET BUSY.

Now is a splendid time to inaugurate the boig boom for the next fall fair.

The big headquarters in the north of Sears-Roebuck have announced a whopping dividend for the shareholders. Unfortunately, none of the dividends are to be invested hereabout.

At this particular time the farmers of Wonderful Wise would much rather have good markets than the bundles of unsolicited advice they are being handed. Advice from fellows who can't distinguish a cotton plant from a can-opener, or tell the difference between a bottle and a bat, produce nausea and that tired feeling in the man behind the hoe.

It is claimed by some that the meanest person enjoying liberty this side of the engine room of hades, is the fellow who stole the pennies from the eye-lids of a dead negro in the charity morgue in Dallas. We question the claim and beg permission of the court to produce the man who is opposed to progress and knocks against the town in which he lives.

Whenever a fellow contracts a full grown case of "officialitis" he immediately becomes solicitous about the welfare of the "horny handed sons of toil." He prates vociferously and long about politicians and their terrible damage to the peace and prosperity of the common herd. He says his heart trobs in sympathy for the depressed and down-trodden, and if the plain people will arise in their might and decorate him with power the wrongs will be righted and the tide of milk and honey will come in. Frequently, aye, more times than we can readily enumerate, the sons with the horny hands listen and are "taken into camp." They "fall" for the rounded sentences burthured with patriotism and promises, and boost the "deliverer" into office. And, the farmers? What'd they get? All that a counterfeit dollar will purchase at a United States mint.

The Messenger, champion of the biggest and best interests of Wonderful Wise county, would be glad to carry some good news about the county fair to the farmers and stockraisers. Last fall this fair proposition received splendid support from the citizens, and we were wedded to the idea that the fair had been made permanent. Mistakes were made last year, and the arrangements and managements in some departments were criticised, but when it is taken into consideration that no county fair was ever held under more unfavorable conditions and circumstance; that the managers in the different departments were new in the work; that the limited time for raising funds, etc., handicapped the association—then our people will readily appreciate the showing made. The Messenger holds the idea that our people are ready to rally to the support of this splendid institution. Why this don't-care and indifferent attitude of last year fair promoters? "Let us get busy; correct our mistakes of last fall, and enlist all our people in the work of giving old Wise a big show this fall.

NOT GUILTY.

"A Smart Man," probably Bob Johnson himself, in the Motley County News last week, made a grievous error. Every dear dead poet from Dan to Bersheba likely turned over in his or her respective grave when he gave Dick Collins of the Wise County Messenger credit for the following lines:

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower blooms to blush unseent,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."
And one can just imagine how delightfully tittery it made the lady school teachers of Matador feel to see an editor commit such a blunder. Watch out, Bob; when you go to dealing in this high brow stuff, You'll get caught with guards down. —Floydada Hesperian.

We hasten to make the correction. We want to say however, that we knew all the time that Bud Fisher

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was the author of that piece of poetry, we simply wanted to make our friend Collins' bosom heave with pride. We also want to square ourselves with the lady school teachers of Matador—especially the unmarried ones. There is getting to be too many literary geniuses in the newspaper business, especially in the pan-handle.
Now, we want to correct the Hesperian. Bob Johnson ain't "A Smart Man." It's us. Now will you give us credit?—A Smart Man in Motley County News.
We enter a plea of guilty to the charge made against our bosom, admitting in open court that it heaved some when Bob or "The Smart Man" on the News connected us with the deed. Now, that certain petite and pretty schoolm'rms in Motley county refuse to accept the News man's selection, we challenge the p. and p. instructors to deny that Geo. McManus and Joe Taylor are the poetical Columbooses who stand responsible for the outburst. It is new and a microscopical analysis will reveal ear-marks and brands of the Geo.-Joe outfit. If the schoolm'rms accept this challenge, we would suggest that Bob and "A Smart Man" have them summoned to appear before the powers that be at the coming gathering of the Northwest Texas Press association. Notify principles and witnesses and by-standers, innocent and otherwise, the search and seizure law will be in full force at all meetings in which this matter is discussed. Taylor and McManus will be on hands several days in advance of the meeting, and you know Joe and George!

DR. RANKIN IS DEAD.
Dr. George C. Rankin, 66 years of age, and one of the most prominent Methodist ministers in the South, died at his home in Dallas Tuesday morning. Heart disease was the cause of his death. For a number of years Bro. Rankin has been editor of Home & State and the Texas Christian Advocate. He was a potential power in the political arena when the prohibition question was an issue. This man will be sorely missed.

Messenger Office Visitors.
The following out-of-town visitors were registered at the Messenger office:
J. L. Tinsley, Paradise.
H. S. Fenwick, Greenwood.
W. P. Robert, route 4, Decatur.
A. H. Clement, route 4, Decatur.
J. J. Robinson, Chico.
A. P. Newberry, route 2, Decatur.
J. F. Conley, Alvord.
Prof. Wofford, Greenwood.
Cliff Cates, route 5, Decatur.
J. W. Howard, Paradise.
A. T. Franks, Paradise.
A. W. Waldon, route 3, Decatur.
Commissioner Slover, Bridgeport.
Sam Pavillard, route 2, Decatur.

I have moved my office just across the hall from the rooms I formerly occupied. My suite adjoins Dr. Payne's dental parlors and I use same reception room with him.
Dr. L. H. REEVES

ROLL OF HONOR.

- The following named patriots have enrolled for the coming year with the Messenger's growing list of subscribers; a number are renewals, others are new subscribers. "Is your name written there?" The list follows:
W. M. Stevenson, Decatur
J. B. Hunt, Decatur
J. W. Patterson, Decatur
J. B. Henderson, Bridgeport
Sam Faith, Decatur
Jim Holt, Decatur
A. D. Jones, Decatur
A. P. Hayes, Decatur
T. T. St. Clair, Decatur
John Branch, Decatur
Alf Breckenridge, Chico
H. H. Halsell, Decatur
Frank Baits, Decatur
J. M. Ashlock, Decatur
H. T. Alland, Decatur
Dr. D. A. Carpenter, Decatur
W. S. Donoho, Decatur
J. A. Christian, Decatur
Joe Cates, Decatur
A. Devereux, Decatur
M. D. Sellars, Decatur
J. G. Province, Decatur
W. P. Cannon, Boonsville
J. H. Mecaskey, Decatur
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A. H. Mowery, Alvord
Judge E. M. Allison, Decatur
W. C. Batdorf, Decatur
Mrs. H. O. Dickson, Decatur
J. S. Gilliland, Decatur
J. F. Morrell, Decatur
J. H. Morris, Decatur
I. P. Porter, Decatur
Ben Watkins, Decatur
A. T. Atwood, Decatur
C. E. Brown, Park Springs
E. E. Richardson, Alvord
G. A. Appling, Park Springs
Mayor Henry L. Ward, Decatur
C. C. Ramsey, Rhome
T. J. Sampson, Decatur
Mrs R J Lindley, Decatur
Tom Gardner, Decatur
Henry Bridges, Decatur
Lem Gilbert, Decatur
Ira Gilbert, Decatur
Will Allen, Decatur
W G Layton, Decatur
George Gentry, Decatur
D L Eoyl, Decatur
A C Bennett, Decatur
Geo W Short, Decatur
Mrs G E Baits, Decatur
J L Birchfield, Decatur
D L Mattix, Decatur
W L Reeves, Decatur
T J Shults, Chico
Guy Emerson, Decatur
J P Fullingim, Decatur
Mrs A S Badger, Decatur
Prof W C Murphree, Decatur
Cris Harmon, Decatur
Mrs G W Goehler, Grandfield, Okl
Philip Jones, Decatur
C T Gettys, Decatur
T C McMurray, Decatur
J C Brown, Alvord
Rev A R Nash, Pilot Point
C Y McDonald, Decatur
P J Murphy, Decatur
W D Phillips, Decatur
R L Morris, Chico
F T Kerr, Decatur
O F Farrington, Decatur
Wade H Taylor, Alvord
Mrs J H McLaughy, Decatur
J C Thacker, Decatur
J D Taylor, Decatur
R H Caver, Ft Worth
J M Reed, Batesville
Jack Taylor, Alvord
A B Farrington, Decatur
W T B anch, Decatur
Mrs Janie Rhine, Paris
G K Phipps, Greenwood
Dill Lindsey, Paradise
J M Trussell, Decatur
Mrs C W Donald, Boonsville
J L Tinsley, Decatur
W N Paschall, Decatur
Eugene Stokes, Decatur
S G Christal, Decatur
H S Fenwick, Greenwood
A T Franks, Paradise
Sam Pavillard, Decatur
G L Baits, Decatur
E T Canada, Decatur
M A Arnett, Three Rivers
W J Stokes, Decatur

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COUNTY EXCHANGES

At a conference of the Baptist church Wednesday evening after prayermeeting, the matter of calling a pastor was taken up. Rev. R. L. of Fort Worth, was called for one year.—Bridgeport Times.

There will be a big singing at Boyd on the first Sunday in February. A number of extra good singers have been invited from other points and are expected to be here. Don't fail to come and take part and enjoy yourself.—Boyd Index.

The Chico high school basket ball team came over yesterday and defeated the Alvord high team by the score of 63 to 18.—Alvord News.

Dutch Polly and Miss Eula Morris eloped Sunday night and went to Chico, where they caught the train for Waurika, Okla., and were married Monday.—Alvord News.

Died—Mrs. C. P. Jackson died at her home in Chico Tuesday at 2 o'clock, after a long illness. The burial took place at Pleasant Grove Wednesday.—Chico Review.

The 12-year-old son of Joe Etter, who lives at Uz, died Saturday night from diphtheria and was buried Sunday at the Keenoa graveyard.—Alvord News.

Died—Ollie Culverhouse died suddenly at Wichita Falls last Monday and was brought to Chico Tuesday and was taken to Cundiff for burial. He was a son of J. J. Culverhouse of Vineyard.—Chico Review.

The Bridgeport fire company will soon have some new equipment. The equipment consists of a wagon and four ladders. The wagon is arranged to carry the ladders and will have the engine attached to the rear end. The new outfit will add about 400 pounds to the load.—Bridgeport Times.

The appointment of D. F. Largent to the Bridgeport postoffice by Congressman John H. Stephens was received Tuesday night by Mr. Largent. Mr. Stephens said the bond would follow in a few days. Mr. Largent expects to have his commission within a few days after the bond is returned to Washington. This work may be done by Feb. 15, or March 1 anyway.—Bridgeport Times.

The barn belonging to Charles Volkman, about 12 miles east of Alvord, was burned Saturday morning last with several hundred bushels of feed, several tons of hay, a buggy and a yearling. There was several hundred dollars' loss and no insurance. The origin of the fire was unknown.—Alvord News.

An "hombre" fresh from the land of revolution, chili and tamales was taken up in Bridgeport Sunday armed with a big six shooter outwardly and fightin' liquor within. By some effort he was induced to give up his "artillery," but he claimed he didn't know it was unlawful to carry it in Texas. He said it was not in Mexico. Sheriff Mann gave him auto ride to Decatur. He is occupying a room in the basile apartments.—Bridgeport Times.

Methodist Church

"I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me, Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. E. E. Gose, superintendent.

Preaching, 11 a. m.

Epworth League, 3 p. m. Homer Holliday, president.

Junior League, 3 p. m. Mrs. E. W. Williams, superintendent.

Preaching, 7:15 p. m.

Meeting of Woman's Missionary society, Monday, 2:30 p. m.

Young Ladies' Missionary society meets every two weeks. Miss Minnie Pearl Williams, president.

Meeting of board of stewards, second Tuesday evening in each month.

Prayermeeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Choir practice, Friday, 7:30 p. m.

G. A. LEHNHOFF, Pastor.

After Many Years

J. L. Souther, Eau Claire, Wis., writes: "Years ago I wrote you in regard to great results obtained from Foley's Kidney Pills. After all these years I have never had a return of those terrible backaches or sleepless nights; I am permanently cured." Men and women, young and old, find this reliable remedy relieves rheumatism, backache, stiff joints, and ill caused by weak or diseased kidneys or bladder. HILL DRUG CO.

RHOME

The farmers in this part of the county are very busy preparing their land for sowing oats.

W. W. Morris and C. C. Leonard were Decatur visitors Monday.

The many friends of C. E. Martin are glad to see him out again after two weeks' absence from his business on account of sickness.

Mrs. Terrell Lillard is visiting in Decatur this week.

Miss Ollie Mae Stone of Denton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

Asbury Reeves and family visited relatives at Boyd Sunday.

Mrs. Leah Coleman of Ft. Worth, was the guest of Mrs. L. W. Renshaw and E. M. Morris this week.

Mrs. Jack Berring has returned to her home at Silsbee after several days visit with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Stephens.

Mrs. Vergie and Bess Bobo of D. B. C. spent the week end with home-folks.

Mrs. M. Troxell and little daughter, Mary Joe, are visiting relatives at Decatur.

L. W. Renshaw and wife were Fort Worth visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Rowland and Paul Morris of Fort Worth, visited Mrs. B. Morris and family Sunday.

Mrs. Brothers of Weatherford is here visiting Julian Ward and family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ward, on Jan. 28, 1915, a girl.

Hundreds of health articles appear in newspapers and magazines, and in practically every one of them the importance of the bowels regular is emphasized. A constipated condition invites disease. A dependable physic that acts without inconvenience or griping is found in Foley Cathartic Tablets. HILL DRUG CO.

Girls, Join the Canning Club

Boyd, Texas, Jan. 20, 1915.

To the School Girls of Wise County—Greeting:

We are now receiving applications for membership in the Girls' Canning club of Wise county.

Many of you saw the exhibit of the Wise county Canning club at the Decatur fair last fall. If you wish to enlist with this band of "Willing Workers," address me by letter or card and you will immediately receive application blank to fill out and return to me; after which seed and further instruction will be sent.

Each club member to receive individual instruction in home economics and be taught scientific canning of vegetables and fruits.

A suitable and liberal prize list will be arranged and published later.

Come then, my merry girls,

And join our happy band;

We need your active brain my girls,

We need your willing hands.

To prove to those who stand aloof,

What girls may really do

To lighten burdens in the home

And add to comfort, too.

MRS. LEE BAKER, Agent.

Professor Tidwell Remains at Baylor

Waco, Texas, Jan. 31.—Professor J. B. Tidwell, who occupies the chair of English bible at Baylor, has declined the pastorate of the Eastlake Baptist church, Birmingham, Ala., and also the presidency of Howard Payne college, Brownwood. He will continue his teaching work at Baylor. Announcement is further made that Rev. Tidwell will serve the First Baptist church at Temple as temporary pastor till a permanent pastor can be secured.

Shiloh League Program

Subject: "Winsome to Win Some."

Lord's prayer, all kneeling.

Scripture reading and leader's talk.

Scripture references, May Robison and Kathleen Dunaway.

Prayer for forgiveness of ill temper that makes one repulsive instead of winsome.

"Magnetized," Lee Gilbert.

"Drawing lines," May Caldwell.

"The limit of attraction," Mary Wallace.

"Keeping the connections clean," Ola Ivey.

"The counter attack," Carl Gilbert.

"Re-charging the batteries," Louis Rhodes.

Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Will Atwood.

Explanation of fellow workers' covenant, District Secretary Outler Gose.

Silent prayer.

If you have not at some time in the past, try one visit to the picture show—Majestic.

C. C. Henderson, assignee, yesterday sold the Saunders, Moore & Smith stock, accounts and fixtures to Carter Grocery Co. for \$2,600. The indebtedness of the firm amounted to a little over \$6,000.

Walter Spencer's shine parlor is now located at Heath's Exchange barber shop on the west side of square. He invites the patronage of the public.

"The Fatal Pearl"—a 4-reel special feature at Majestic Saturday night—also regular program—all for 10c.

M. A. Arnett came around yesterday and said "Good-bye" to the Messenger force. He was leaving for his new home in Southwest Texas. He will stop for a while at Three Rivers in Live Oak county, then he will move to a farm in McMullin county. Mrs. Arnett and children who have been visiting relatives in Dallas for several weeks, joined Mr. Arnett this morning as he passed that city enroute for the new home. These good people have hosts of friends in this county, and it is with regret we see them go. "The Messenger is our favorite paper and we want it to follow us," stated Milburn as he passed us his check for his subscription. "We will keep posted on affairs here."

W. A. Helm was on the sick list this week.

Tom Ball has sold the farm he recently purchased from Mr. Spain.

Dr. Reeves and Steve Lillard, Jr. were in the Chico county Saturday.

E. W. Williams was here Sunday from Chico.

W. P. Roberts, living just north of Decatur, hands us the following item, which proves that poultry raising pays: From 40 white leghorn hens Mr. Roberts sold during 1914 3642 eggs for \$48.65. He set 20 dozen and used all the family needed at home. Frank Green bought the eggs, and reports he never found a spoiled egg in the lot. Mr. Roberts also realized \$7.25 from chickens sold from setting the 20 dozen, besides furnishing his family with chickens to eat. These facts are positive proof that even even poultry raising is more profitable than cotton.

The two-story building owned by the miners' union at Bridgeport burned last Tuesday morning at 2:30. \$1500 insurance was carried on the building. The lower floor was occupied by the grocery store of L. S. Boggy. This stock was an entire loss, insured for \$2,000. The fire originated in the upper story.

The Ball-Christian Furniture Co. this week installed one of the most up-to-date undertaking departments to be found in this section of Texas. A well appointed room has been fitted up and a beautiful line of supplies put in. This work is under the direct supervision of Mr. Carl Christian, assisted by Mr. Henry Mason. One of the most substantial and beautiful funeral carriages ever seen in this part of the state has been purchased by the company. Tuesday this hearse arrived and was on exhibition at the Ball-Christian store, where hundreds of people viewed it. This company now has a big city equipment in the undertaking line, and the business entrusted to it will be promptly done in a manner that will be pleasing to patrons.

J. F. Conley of the Alvord country, was in town Tuesday, while here paid his respects to the Messenger force. Mr. Conley says that up to and including the time of his visit the promises made the farmers by the politicians had not materialized.

Services at Baptist Church

There were two hundred and sixty in Sunday school and a thrilling time was had. The congregation at the morning service was very large, practically filling the entire auditorium. The night service was conducted by the B. Y. P. U. and a very helpful temperance program was rendered. The congregation was real large considering the weather. Mrs. Rosser and the orchestra furnished most excellent music. All services next Sunday as usual. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Miss Vesta Heath will sing at the morning service and the B. Y. P. U. male quartet at the night service. You are cordially invited to all our services. HARLAN J. MATTHEWS, Pastor

Match Problem

Matches sell for 5c per box, and 500 matches to the box. One match will burn 45 seconds; how many matches will burn in one year, or 365 days, not including the 1-4 days? And what will be the total cost of same? How many hours? How many minutes? And how many seconds? How many boxes of matches and fractions of boxes?

To the man or boy solving this we will give credit for \$2.00 on any suit or account from this shop during February, 1915, or will give credit for \$1.00 on suit and \$1.00 on cleaning and pressing.

Present your answer in person. Cleaning and pressing, dyeing, hats cleaned and reblocked. Agents for best laundry.

SMITH & HARDWICK.

Shulkey is Star on the Baylor Five

Bruce Schulkey, a star on last season's Decatur college basket ball team, is making an enviable record at Baylor university. In every game Baylor has played this season, Schulkey is mentioned as the star, doing most of the goaling, besides being the fastest man on the team. His ability as a goal tosser was plainly shown when he threw 9 field baskets against the Decatur college team in the game last Thursday.

No Difference

The Proof Is Here the Same as Everywhere.

For those who seek relief from kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder ills, Doan's Kidney Pills offer hope of relief and the proof is here in Decatur, the same as everywhere. Decatur people have used Doan's and Decatur people recommend Doan's, the kidney remedy used in America for fifty years. Why suffer? Why run the risk of dangerous kidney ills—fatal Bright's disease. Here is Decatur proof. Investigate it.

M. D. Sellars, grocer, E. Main St., Decatur Texas, says: "I was caused much misery by pain across the small of my back; in fact, I couldn't walk. If I made a quick move, sharp twinges darted through me, causing me to groan. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Gunn's drug store and after I used them the pains left and I was better in every way. I have not had to use Doan's Kidney Pills since. You can continue publishing my previous endorsement."

Price 50 cents, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the kind that Mr. Sellars had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, New York.



Better cookies, cake and biscuits, too. All as light, fluffy, tender and delicious as mother used to bake. And just as wholesome. For pure Baking Powder than Calumet cannot be had at any price. Ask your grocer.

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World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Ill.
Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912

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"I've got one of those new vacuum washers." "That's nothing."—Bald more American.

Rapid Growth.
The most remarkable instance of rapid growth was recorded by the French academy in 1729. It was a boy six years of age five feet six inches in height. At the age of five his voice changed; at six his beard had grown and he appeared a man of thirty. He possessed great physical strength and could easily lift to his shoulders and carry bags of grains weighing 200 pounds. His decline was as rapid as his growth. At eight his hair and beard were gray; at ten he tottered in his walk, his teeth fell out and his hands became palsied; at twelve he died with every outward sign of extreme old age.

A Texas Wonder

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

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TEN ESSENTIALS IN GROWING ALFALFA



Baling Alfalfa Hay Direct From Windrow on 1,400-Acre Farm Near Sherman, Texas.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Alfalfa, one of the oldest and most widespread of crops, can be grown in this country as far as climate is concerned, in every state, but in the humid sections it is very exacting in the character of soil and treatment required. The following list of "don'ts," published by the U. S. department of agriculture in Farmers' Bulletin No. 339 will, therefore, be of interest: **Ten Don'ts for the Alfalfa Grower.**

Don't fail to provide for ample inoculation.
Don't sow poor or weedy seed.
Don't sow on a weedy soil.
Don't sow on any but a sweet, well-limed soil.
Don't sow on poorly drained soil.
Don't sow on any but a finely-prepared, well-settled seed bed.
Don't pasture the first or second year.

Don't lose the leaves; they constitute the best part of the hay.
Don't seed a large acreage to begin with. Experiment on a small area first.

Don't give up. Many prominent alfalfa growers finally succeeded only after many failures.

The first essential, as these "don'ts" show, is proper soil. A deep, fertile, well-drained soil, rich in lime and reasonably free from weeds is indispensable, and it is useless to attempt to grow alfalfa on any other kind of land. The lack of any one of these qualities is very apt to be the cause of failure especially in the East and South, where at best alfalfa is produced with some difficulty.

The plant is a deep-feeding one and usually sends its roots down many feet to obtain food and moisture which are out of reach of the shallow-rooted crops. On soil that lacks depth alfalfa is unable to utilize its deep-feeding roots and is, therefore, less able to withstand the attack of surface-feeding weeds. An exception to this seems to be found in the case of soils that are underlain by limestone at a depth of some eighteen inches or two feet.

Weeds are, in fact, one of the greatest enemies of alfalfa. The young plants are very tender and are apt to be killed during their early stages of growth. For this reason it is good practice to raise some cultivated crop on the ground for two or three seasons before alfalfa is planted. If this is not practicable some such crop as cowpeas, which naturally prevent the growth of weeds, can be seeded. Alfalfa sown in the spring is especially susceptible to harm from weeds, and spring seeding, therefore, should be avoided wherever possible. It is, however, preferable in Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas where any but spring or early summer stands are very apt to winterkill. In general, the principle underlying the time of seeding is to sow as far in advance as possible of what promises to be the most trying season for the young plants. In the East and South a late summer seeding is usually best. This enables an earlier crop to be removed from the land and gives alfalfa ample time to make a growth before the winter sets in; a fact which gives the plants a good start in the following spring, and aids them successfully to resist the inroad of weeds.

The conditions that determine the time for seeding alfalfa indirectly determine also the crops which should precede it. Where late summer seeding is practiced a truck crop which matures early will enable one crop to be secured that season and still allow time for the preparation of the land for alfalfa. Under such circumstances the fertilizer demanded by the truck crop will probably be sufficient for the alfalfa. Another method which has the advantage of ridding the soil of weeds, although it is not so economical in its use of land, is to plant a clean-culture crop, such as corn, cotton or tobacco. These crops also require heavy applications of manure, and the culture given them will destroy any weeds that may have been introduced with the manure. Ordinarily it is impossible to get these crops off the land in time for late summer seeding of alfalfa and it is consequently good practice to seed a green manure crop, such as hairy vetch or clover, which can be cut for hay in the following spring, the stubble plowed under and the land then prepared for alfalfa.

The efficiency of green manure crops in increasing the humus content of the soil makes them especially valuable as a preliminary crop for alfalfa. If the soil is not fertilized in this way, or does not obtain the benefit of manure used for previous cash crops, well-rotted barnyard manure or

commercial fertilizers must be employed if the best results are hoped for. It must always be borne in mind that alfalfa requires rich soil. It cannot be grown on any kind of land that happens to lie handy for the farmer. On the other hand, with proper conditions and care its yield will be sufficient to justify the use of the richest and best drained land on the farm. In the East it is usually best to develop the fertility of some of the high, rolling land and seed that. Bottom lands should be avoided; not only is the danger from weeds on such soils greater, but alfalfa absolutely requires well-drained land. Overflows from streams are usually fatal to it during its growing period, in fact, it is unusual for it to survive more than 24 hours of complete submergence, although during its dormant period in the winter it is less susceptible.

Not the least difficulty that the alfalfa grower must face is the necessity for thorough inoculation of the soil in regions where the proper bacteria are not supplied by nature. Throughout the western half of the United States inoculation in general does not appear to be necessary, but in the East the grower who neglects this precaution is practically certain to lose his time. There are two methods now in general use. The bacteria may be supplied either by scattering the soil from a successful alfalfa field, or by cultures. The artificial cultures are supplied by the United States department of agriculture and their use explained in detail in the printed matter which accompanies the bottle of culture. After being mixed with the clean water and certain chemicals these cultures are applied to the seed, which is then dried in a shaded place and sown as soon as possible. When this method is successful at all it appears to be fully as much so as the scattering of soil.

For some reason, however, which has not yet been definitely determined, complete failures occasionally occur; more frequently, in fact, than when inoculation is practiced by the transfer of soil. In the latter case from 300 to 800 pounds of soil per acre should be used. Care should be taken to obtain the soil only from healthy stands known to be free from noxious weeds or plant diseases. To secure and handle such quantities of soil is necessarily a somewhat burdensome and expensive business, and it is, therefore, desirable to obtain the soil from as near by as possible. When no good soil is available in the immediate vicinity it is best to seed a very small area the first season and to use this soil for inoculating larger areas later on. Where only a small quantity of soil is available, very satisfactory results can ordinarily be obtained by mixing the seed with an equal quantity, pound for pound, of the alfalfa soil, mashed free from even small clods. This mixture may be run through a drill—or sown on a cloudy day—or after sundown. If it must be seeded broadcast in the sunshine, scatter the mixture directly in front of the covering harrow. It is also possible to reduce the quantity of soil needed for inoculation by thoroughly mixing it with several times its weight of ordinary earth. In such cases from 200 to 300 pounds per acre may be found sufficient. The grower, however, who attempts to skimp in the inoculation of his land, like the grower who attempts to use any but the best land, is apt to find that alfalfa instead of a profitable is a losing crop.

Mulching Vegetables.

For several years I have been trying manure mulches in my home vegetable garden. The results have been most encouraging. Asparagus has thrived with no attention whatever after the application of fresh horse manure early in the spring. There is no reason why every home gardener should not have a fine asparagus patch by the liberal use of horse manure as a mulch.

Mulches are coming into more general use among horticulturists. It has been clearly demonstrated that they have a place in every branch of horticulture.

Market Surplus Poultry.

Market the fowls you do not intend to winter while the price still holds good. Those you do not intend to keep are best marketed before they molt.

Nitrogen in Snow.

There is nitrogen in snow, but some of us would like to receive it as a gift in some other form.

CHINCH BUG INVASION

Extension of Infested Territory Noted This Season.

Much Has Been Learned of History and Habits of Destructive Pest, Which is Invaluable Aid in Destroying Them.

Warm, dry weather is favorable to chinch bug increase, and the weather conditions of the past few seasons seems to have been especially suitable to an increase of these destructive pests. The present year has seen an extension of the infested territory and the damage in the aggregate has amounted to a large sum. The fight against these insects has been a hard one. During the past few years much has been learned of the history and habits of the chinch bug which is an invaluable aid in destroying them. Mr. H. A. Gossard, writing of the work in Ohio of the endeavor to save the crops from the attacks of the chinch bug, says:

Each female is capable of laying 500 or more eggs. The period of egg-laying for the individual lasts from ten days to three weeks, and for the brood from five to six weeks. The eggs hatch in from twelve to twenty-two days, and the young require forty days or more to become adults after issuing from the eggs. It thus requires two months, or a few days less, to pass from the newly-laid egg to the adult condition.

The eggs are laid on the roots of the plants on which the bugs are feeding, at or just below the surface of the ground; or they may be laid on the surface about the bases of the plants, or in the leaf-sheaths of grasses; in short, in almost any place where the surroundings are cool and damp.

The newly hatched larve feed on the roots of their host plants, largely



Chinch Bugs Clustered at Base of Corn Stalks Just After Wheat Harvest.

underground and out of sight. If very numerous they may congregate about the bases of the plants above ground. When the wheat plants are killed at harvest, the young migrate at once in search of other sustenance and, when thus collected together in great numbers, they may blacken the entire surface of large plants, such as corn nearly grown. So insidious is their work in wheat that their presence is often unrecognized until after the harvest, when the vast hordes of insects marching into cornfields attract the farmer's notice for the first time. Timothy meadows may be well-nigh killed without the owner suspecting when they are dying. A very careful examination of the roots of timothy is needed to detect the presence of the insects, even where they are very plentiful. The second brood of bugs rarely gain attention, because they are developing underground on the roots of corn, foxtail, millet and other plants.

Either the cleanest kind of culture should prevail over the farm in early autumn, all grassy and weedy borders around fields and along fence rows



A Fine Hiding Place for Chinch Bugs and All Sorts of Crop Destroyers.

being kept closely mowed to prevent the development of suitable hibernating quarters, or else these should be allowed to grow vigorously so as to entice, in late fall, as many of the insects beneath the shelter as possible. In early winter, after the insects are nicely settled, or else in early spring, before they have awakened into activity, burn over all such retreats. If it is impossible or undesirable to burn other woodland retreats, the leaves and trash on the ground may be collected and burned if the prospective damage by the insects exceeds the value of the humus that would be destroyed by burning.

Leaf Mold Is Valuable. Save all the leaves that have been raked off the lawn and pile them up in some out-of-the-way place to decay. Leaf mold is a valuable asset to greenhouse or window-gardening.

Bad Milking Practice. Thumb-and-finger stripping spoils the shape of the cow's teats.

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The Messenger.

NEW DENVER		SCHEDULE	
NORTH BOUND		SOUTH BOUND	
Arrive at Decatur			
No. 3, 11:07 a.m.	No. 8, 5:06 a.m.		
No. 4, 12:45 a.m.	No. 4, 5:12 p.m.		
Ft. Worth — Arrive			
No. 3, 11:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.		
No. 4, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.		
Amarillo			
No. 3, 11:15 p.m.	No. 8, 5:50 p.m.		
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.	No. 4, 5:45 a.m.		
Arrive — Denver — Leave			
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.		

News of Town and County

LIGHT CRUST.

Jesse Eads is here from Dallas.

Dewey Ellis from Avondale, visited in Decatur Sunday.

Geo. Wells and wife were here from Bowie this week.

Mrs. Julia Tiley has returned from a visit to relatives in Alden, Okla.

Geo. Wells and wife of Bowie, have been visiting here.

Miss Mora Neilson will entertain the WeDive club Tuesday.

Ben Collins has been quite sick this week, but is improving.

H. H. Halsell made a trip to Dallas Tuesday.

Jim Riddle and wife spent Sunday in Alford.

M. M. Cotner of Electra, is visiting here.

West Andrews and family were here Sunday from Slidell.

A fresh car Light Crust flour just arrived. Collins Grocery Co.

James M. James has been made postmaster at Park Springs.

Miss Myrtle Rogers spent a few days in Fort Worth.

Dr. V. S. Holcomb was here Wednesday from Bridgeport.

John Scott and Steve Gose were in Wichita this week.

Mrs. Terrell Lillard of Rhome, spent several days here.

Lum Chance was here this week from Henrietta.

W. A. Helm spent several days last week in Waco.

Hats cleaned and re-shaped \$1.00. Smith & Hardwick.

D. White and family spent several days in Bridgeport.

Mrs. Frank Timberlake will entertain the 42 club Saturday afternoon.

Will Clegg, Ed Young and Bob Maldon marketed cattle in Fort Worth this week.

Commissioner J. M. Slover was a casual caller at this office Wednesday.

At the Furniture Shop on South Main street renovate your carpet.

Miss Willie Carlton of Fort Worth, visited Mrs. Hugh Greer here Sunday.

J. L. Ward preached at the 1st church in Henrietta Sunday.

E. Carroll and wife of Fort Worth, visited relatives here Sunday.

Washing stick makes washing a pleasure. Collins Grocery Co.

N. S. Davis of Fort Worth, visited the family of G. W. Davis here.

A new spring and summer sampler are now on display and ready for critical inspection. Smith & Hardwick.

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J. C. Dunaway has purchased the 150-acre farm of W. M. Rhoads in the Shiloh community.

It is reported that Mrs. J. S. Lane has been seriously sick at her home in Dallas.

John Cartwright and family have moved back to this community from Holliday.

Tennessee Triumph potatoes at M. D. Sellars'. Don't plant any other.

Look out for the date of Calico Kensington to be given by ladies of Dorcas society.

Mrs. John Cates and W. L. Dallas attended the Methodist Mission conference in Sherman this week.

Miss Ida Hasty has gone to Alford, where she is employed with a dry goods firm.

Hungry? Hot chocolates and cakes at the San la Roy.

After a short visit to her parents here Mrs. G. V. Smith has gone to join her husband in their new home in Carlsbad, N. M.

We are cleaning and repressing Stetson hats for only \$1.00 Smith & Hardwick.

If you have not at some time in the past, try one visit to the picture show—Majestic.

Miss Myrtle Cotner returned to her home in Ft. Worth yesterday after a visit here.

Up to Jan. 31 there were 3900 poll taxes paid in Wise county. This is about 400 less than 1913 payments.

Money to loan on farms. Decatur Land, Loan & Abstract Co.

Miss Clotilde Davis will return home next week after several weeks' visit with friends in McKinney and Fort Worth.

The young ladies' Mission Study class will meet Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hugh Greer.

Go to M. D. Sellars and get the Tennessee Triumph, the best potatoes. Don't plant any other.

Albert Devereux of Wells Fargo Express Co., Ft. Worth, is spending a month here.

The cold weather last Monday kept the usual large first Monday crowd away from Decatur.

The high school girls' basketball defeated the college girls at the high school last Saturday by the score of 13 to 4.

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union occupied the preaching hour at the Baptist church Sunday evening, and the services conducted were profitable to those present.

Wanted—Two gentlemen boarders, room furnished. Apply at Messenger office.

W. G. Layton and family have moved to Fort Worth, where Mr. Layton will continue in the employ of the Fort Worth Cotton Oil Company.

THE PARTY taking long overcoat through mistake from sheriff's office Tuesday is requested to return same to Tom McCracken, Decatur.

Let us get your laundry. We do good work, and call for and deliver all city laundry. We do your collars and shirts in good style. And our poll tax is paid. Smith & Hardwick.

The Decatur high school boys' and girls' basketball teams will go to Bowie Saturday for games with Bowie high teams.

John Spencer, the nurseryman, is reported quite ill.

The students of the fine arts department of the college will give a public recital at the college on Saturday night, Feb. 13. All invited.

Go to M. D. Sellars and get a sack of "Belle of Wichita" flour; as good as the best—none better.

Our 2,000 new spring and summer samples to select your suit from. Prices ranging from \$15 to \$45. You can get suited here. Smith & Hardwick.

C. B. Gunn, Revs. Marshall, Norman, Hand, Ward, Ayers, Matthews and wife attended the Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting at Alford.

The residence of Jeff Hinkle, north of town, caught fire early last Saturday morning from the explosion of a lamp. The fire was extinguished, the damage amounting to \$250.

For sale or rent, residence in South Decatur. See E. L. Brandenburg.

A large crowd attended the men's prayermeeting last Sunday. Luther Belew led a very fine service, at the close of which several asked the prayers of Christians. Dr. John V. Prunty will lead next Sunday's meeting. Remember the place and time—Woodman hall, Sunday, 3 p. m.

The Messenger last December began to keep a file of the Daily Dallas News. Our readers may have access to the file at any time, but at no time must the papers be carried from the office.

Fresh vegetables every day in the week. Phone in your order. Collins Grocery Co.

See the big four-reel special at the Majestic Saturday night besides the regular program. All for 10c.

The Scouts and high school second basketball teams will play this afternoon at the gym at 4:30. The teams have played two games, each winning one, and this afternoon's contest will be a good one. Admission 10c.

"Belle of Wichita" is as good flour as is made in the state of Texas. Sold by M. D. Sellars.

S. G. Christal this week purchased 150 head of fine graded cattle from S. A. Lillard and B. W. Donaldson. One day last week Mr. Christal "topped" the Fort Worth market with several cars of steers.

Tomato flip hits the spot quicker than tomato bouillon—at the San la Roy.

One of the largest congregations ever seen in the Methodist church greeted Pastor Lehnhoff Sunday morning. The sermon was full of "meat" and preached convincingly, eloquently and interestingly. The choir service was splendid.

We have some good horses and mules for sale for cash or on time. Come and look at this stock. Helm, Ward & Dillehay.

Don't forget to attend the Majestic Saturday night and vote for your favorite film service. Mr. Blythe is now using the Universal service, but will let his patrons decide whether he will retain this service or secure another.

A friend of the author has handed the Messenger the following communication with a request to publish:

"Come all you people far and near, and see the bridge we have built down here. Our bridge is made of sand, cement, rock, oak, steel and pine; and stands in Salt Creek on the Agnes and Bridgeport line. Then, who wants good bridge work done to know, and Poole should quickly run, for they have learned that art by rules, and all they need is good hands and tools. J. T. McAlister.

J. W. Hatcher is dangerously ill at his home in this city and is not expected to recover.

Patronize the Modern Steam laundry. Prompt delivery; best service. Our motto: We pay for all lost or torn garments. Remember us when your duds are dirty. Smith & Hardwick.

In the justice court Tuesday Tom Middleton was placed under a peace bond. It was charged that he had been annoying his wife who recently left him in Arkansas, alleging cruel treatment. Mrs. Middleton returned here several months ago and was surprised when she learned that Mr. Middleton was in this county.

We have some good horses and mules for sale for cash or on time. Come and look at this stock. Helm, Ward & Dillehay.

Frank Green is making an addition to his residence.

The home of Dave Frazer caught fire yesterday, but little damage resulted, owing to the efficient work of the bucket brigade.

Last Friday night the Methodist church parsonage was the scene of a happy gathering, one which Pastor Lehnhoff says will not be forgotten soon. It was the pastor's birthday and to celebrate the occasion the stewards and their wives gathered at the parsonage on invitation from Mrs. Lehnhoff. When Pastor Lehnhoff arrived the room was filled with friends and a jolly time was had. Those present were, Presiding Elder Riddle and wife, J. P. Williams and wife, Mrs. S. Hornback of Krum, J. H. Lynch and wife, W. L. Rush and wife, S. M. Gose and wife, W. A. Helm and wife, C. C. Lewis, wife and children, Dr. Ingram and wife, Dr. P. J. Fullingim and wife, T. L. Ball and wife, G. G. Neilson and wife, R. L. Thompson and wife. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Milch cows and mules for sale; also small farms at low rate of interest. See H. H. Halsell.

Try Tyler's Hot Chocolate—the finished product, made with milk. Different from the rest—and better.

Epworth League Program

Subject: "The Promise of Forgiveness."

Leaders, Miss Ethel Renshaw and Ellena Walker.

Psalms for responsive reading, 32, 1-7.

Leader's address.

"Repentance the condition of pardon," Miss Fannie Donald.

"Forgiveness the condition of forgiveness," Tressie Mauldin.

"God's faithfulness the guarantee of pardon," Henry Mason.

"The gift of Jesus makes possible forgiveness," Homer Holliday.

"Remission of sins the gospel message," Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff.

Bible drill, Miss May Belle Pirtle.

Songs, 145, 189, 89, 115, 19, 70.

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

Why bother yourself with writing orders, paying fees when I can save you the trouble and get you the paper or magazine you want at the same price you would have to pay for it. I am agent for any paper or magazine published. Can get you club rates on any three or more publications at a good saving in price. Ask me about it.

J. H. CATES, Decatur

Notice

As the season for paper hanging and painting is drawing near I wish to thank my customers for past favors, and will appreciate all the work that can be given me for the coming season. With 20 years experience; absolute satisfaction guaranteed.

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Notice

Small farms for sale. Payments part in cash, part on time; low rate interest. Also 20 good milch cows and 7 four-year-old mules for sale or trade.

H. H. HALSELL.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader of meeting, Brandon Trussell.

Music by Decatur college orchestra.

Interveno.

Scripture reading, Miss Edna Chandler.

Introduction by leader—Transfiguration illustrated by slides and stereopticon.

"What the transfiguration meant to Jesus," Hovey Young.

"What the transfiguration meant to the disciples," Miss Edna Chandler.

"What Heaven was thinking about," Miss Una Robertson.

"What the transfiguration means to us as to prayer and christian experience," Miss Eileen Rowan.

"What the transfiguration means to us as to the nearness of the spiritual and unseen," Galon Worsham.

"The purpose of the mountain vision," Hiram Burrows.

"Prayer the secret of transfigured lives," Miss Esther Heath.

"We must ascend a holy mount," Brandon Trussell.

There will be special music by Mrs. Rosser's orchestra of the college, and part of the subjects will be explained by stereopticon views. All the young people of the town are urged to be present.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents per line per week

FOR SALE—Rubber tire, square top, Hines survey; good condition. G. W. NELSON. (61)

FOR SEED Sweet potatoes, see J. J. ROBINSON, Chico, Texas. (61)

LOST—in Decatur Tuesday, black pocketbook from Rhome bank, containing about seven dollars; \$5.00 greenback, one dollar greenback and some small change. Finder return to County Attorney Burch in courthouse.

LOST or "strayed"—One brown mare mule, 13 1-2 hands high, fresh sheared, little lame in left hind leg, small scar on right front ankle. Notify L. W. HUTCHERSON, Decatur.

FOR SALE—3 good, young work mules. J. H. MORRIS. (1)

FOR SALE—An invalid, or fracture bed at Ball-Christian Co.

LOST—Pair gold-rimmed, double-lens glasses. Reward for return to G. W. Davis or this office.

FARMS—For rent or sale, near Decatur. H. H. HALSELL.

HOUSE AND LOT—For trade for a span of mules. Balance \$10 a month. O. C. KIMBLE.

FOR SALE—Good young mules; good terms. At my place, route 5, Decatur. GEO. MALCOLM.

WANTED—A couple of sets of books to keep—Prices reasonable. F. E. PORTER, S. W. Telephone 36.

STOLEN OR STRAYED—From my pasture, southeast of Decatur, one iron gray filly, two years old in spring \$5.00 reward. L. W. WHORTON.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, tabernacle tent, 40x70 seven-foot wall; good as new. Call on J. P. DAVENPORT, Decatur.

FOR SALE—Jersey milk cow; fresh cheap for cash. JOHN KENDRICK

REGISTERED D U R O C JERSEY hogs for sale by J. W. THOMPSON, Decatur, Texas. (1-1-1)

SEED OATS—2000 bushels red oats, clean and free of johnson grass, 8 miles southeast of Decatur, near Elmer on Fort Worth & Denver road; 1000 bushels same kind of oats, also 300 bushels of barley, 12 miles southeast at J. B. Tate's. These seed are extra good. See J. H. Mecaskey, Decatur, or call at farms.

FOUND—Heavy gold bracelet, engraving on outside, in district court room. Owner call and pay for this notice, at Messenger office.

FOR SALE—Good jersey cows and calves; young stock; cows are fresh. Bargains. C. B. MECASKEY, route 4, Decatur, Texas.

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ODD FELLOWS DRINKS ACID BIG MEETING IN FT. WORTH

The fifteenth semi-annual meeting of the Wise County I. O. O. F. and Rebeckah association was held in Decatur last Tuesday. A large number of delegates from ten lodges of the county were present, and one of the most enjoyable and instructive sessions resulted.

The meeting was opened at the Odd Fellow hall at 10 a. m. Attorney M. W. Burch, in his very pleasing manner, delivered a splendid address of welcome, which was appropriately responded to by W. J. Porter, of Alvord.

At noon the local Rebeckah and Odd Fellow lodges spread a sumptuous feast for the visitors over the Ingram garage, where over 300 guests were served. At 6 o'clock another splendid meal was served to the delegates.

At 1 o'clock at the district court room the delegates and public in general heard two splendid addresses on Odd Fellowship. M. W. Burch introduced J. W. Morgan of Iowa Park, whose remarks were greatly enjoyed by all. He gave a very fine idea of the noble principles of this great order. Dr. Ingram then introduced Mrs. Kincaid of Dallas, president of the Rebeckah assembly, who spoke of the Rebeckah work and its relation to the Odd Fellows. Her remarks proved both entertaining and instructive. All present were instilled with an enlarged vision of the possibilities of the work of both institutions spoken of.

After the public address a business session was held at which the following officers were elected: Mrs. M. A. Small of Decatur, president; Alf Franks of Paradise, vice president; Claud Council of Alvord, secretary; G. A. Shankles of Alvord, treasurer.

At the separate closed sessions the following prizes were awarded: Odd Fellows, W. B. Arnesman, Decatur, best rendition of chaplain's talk in funeral ceremony, \$10.00; best rendition P. G. charge, Tom Ewing, of Boyd, \$7.50. Rebeckahs: Best rendition P. G. charge, Mrs. R. J. Lindley, Decatur, \$7.50; ring; best rendition unwritten work, Mrs. W. C. Baldorff, Decatur, \$5.00 pin.

The local Rebeckah lodge initiated candidates Tuesday night, showing the splendid efficiency of their degree team.

The local Odd Fellows and Rebeckahs did themselves proud in entertaining the many visitors, and those from over the county were loud in their praise of the splendid entertainment received while in Decatur.

Rutherford is Seen in A New Role

"Doctor" Jargo Rutherford, high-batted and optimistic, was in the city Monday, and while here called at the Messenger office and dictated a report of a debate he and Prof. W. C. Coffey participated in at the Walker schoolhouse north of Decatur. The debate, as reported by "Dr." Jargo, was of four days duration, closing Sunday night. The question under discussion was, "Resolved, that baptism by immersion was the baptism taught by Christ and His Apostles." Prof. Coffey had the affirmative side of the question, while the doctor upheld the negative. In other words, the professor contended that immersion was the mode of baptism practiced by Christ and those delegated to go forth and teach His preachments, and the doctor claimed that "water baptism was a myth." "Holy Ghost, or baptism of knowledge," was Rutherford's solution of the question that men and the sons of men, priests and prophets, master theologians and profound students have wrestled with since the world was in swaddling clothes. The debate was reported to the Messenger, waxed warm and interesting during the first three days of the set-to. On the fourth, and last day of the conflict, Jargo conducted the debate alone, Coffey having left the stage of action. The judge awarded the pennant to Rutherford. The winner of the contest was elated over his victory and while in the city Monday he informed us that some time in the near future he would deliver a series of lectures on "Free Thinking." He is still engaged in the "practice" of touching and laying-on of the hands.

If a better cough syrup than Foley's Honey and Tar Compound could be found we would carry it. We know this reliable and dependable medicine has given satisfaction more than forty years; therefore we never offer a substitute for the genuine. Recommended for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, bronchial and laryngeal coughs. No opiates. HILL DRUG CO.

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DRINKS ACID IN FT. WORTH

Twenty minutes after he had requested his mother not to allow him to be disturbed while he took a short nap, Fred Allen, 28, son of R. L. Allen, was found in a dying condition, lying on his bed Wednesday noon at the family residence, 2603 Prospect, north side.

An ounce vial of carbolic acid lay on the washstand nearby. Allen died twenty minutes after he was discovered, despite the efforts of a physician who was summoned to save his life.

It is said Allen had been despondent for several weeks, and had been drinking heavily since last Thursday.

That day he left home, returning Monday morning. He changed his clothes, and after telling his mother that he could not get along any longer in the town, and that he was going somewhere to "straighten up," he left the house. Wednesday at noon he returned home. He threw his arms about his mother, saying he had come home to stay, and that he would never leave her again. He told his mother that he was going to sleep for awhile, and that he did not wish to be disturbed. He then went into his bed room.

Twenty minutes later his sister, Mrs. Emmett Allen, who lives at 2605 Prospect came to visit her mother. She inquired about the noise in her brother's room which she heard as she passed by the door. Mrs. Allen remarked that it was probably her son snoring, as was his habit, but went to investigate. She found her son unconscious, gasping for breath. She telephoned her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Helm, 2411 Market avenue, to come at once. Mrs. Helm called at the residence of Dr. R. E. McClenny, 2412 Market avenue, and went with Dr. McClenny to the Allen home. When the doctor arrived the man was gasping his last.

Allen has for some time been in the employ of his brother, Emmett Allen, a wholesale butcher of the north side, where he is well known.

Besides his mother and father, his sisters, Mrs. Emmett Allen and Mrs. Helm, Allen is survived by another sister, Mrs. E. B. Thomason of Velma, Okla., and Miss Ruth Allen, who lives at the home, 2603 Prospect.

Funeral arrangements are pending the arrival of Mrs. Thomason and Miss Ruth Allen, now visiting Mrs. Thomason, in Oklahoma. (Wednesday's Fort Worth Record.)

Newspaper From the Congo Country

We have before us the "Kasai Herald," a Presbyterian mission publication published in Lubero, Congo, South Africa. The paper is dated October 1, 1914, and it carries some intensely interesting reading of the trials and work of the missionaries in that country. The "office of publication" is "1,000 miles or more from the sea and connected with the world by one lone wireless telegraph station three weeks away." But "notwithstanding the tantalizing scarcity of reliable news and the fact that we may be facing a shortage of supplies there are many causes for rejoicing," states the Herald editors. Then they state several of the causes, among them being, "We are American citizens." We are led to believe that the missionaries in the Congo country are doing work that would frighten the timid and weak. Armed with the Book of Holy Writ, love and sympathy for the unfortunate, and an abiding faith in their God, the good men and women who have dedicated their lives to the work of rescuing the semi-savages should receive the plaudits of all liberty-loving people the world over. Rev. Lehnhoff of the Decatur Methodist church presented us with the paper, and we thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

Five Cents Proves It

A generous offer. Cut out this ad, enclose with 5c to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., and they will send you our trial packages of Foley's Honey & Tar Compound for coughs, colds, croup, bronchial and laryngeal coughs; Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. For sale in your town by HILL DRUG CO.

Notice

To Our Customers: If you care to have an extra pair of trousers to match the suit we sold you last fall, 1914, come in and we will take your measure for \$6.00. No matter what price suit you may have purchased if we can get your order they only cost you \$6.00 per pair.

SMITH & HARDWICK.

Don't borrow your neighbor's Messenger—subscribe. \$1 a year

PRACTICE SAVING IN KITCHEN

Proper Use of "By-Products" Will Do Much to Reduce Bills From the Butcher.

To apply a manufacturing term to our household materials and methods our kitchen "by-products" should be more carefully considered than they often are; and by this expression is meant waste materials. The by-products of meat are more often lost than those of other foods, and this is a great loss, since this group of foodstuffs is increasing in expense. Bones are chief among them, and fat. All bones may be quickly turned to good service by being washed, covered with cold water, heated gradually and made into a broth, which even in small quantity will add flavor and some nutriment to gravies or soups. We must learn to use these meat flavors to help reduce the cost of living by making gravies and vegetables more palatable.

As to the fats, they are not always made as full use of as is possible. For shortening cakes, etc., for deep frying and for soap every bit may be used with little additional labor. To prepare it suet is cut in small pieces, covered with water, allowed to soak for a day, the water being changed once. When drained, it is put in a kettle with one-half cupful skim milk to each pound of suet, and cooked slowly until sound of boiling has ceased. When partly cooked the clear fat is drained from the scraps.

A combination of leaf lard or chicken fat with beef fat yields a softer product. Whether sliced bacon is fried on top of the stove or baked in a pan in the oven, a large proportion of it exudes in clear fat. All of this should be saved to use for browning vegetables for soup or for hashed brown potatoes or similar purposes.

SALT PORK PROPERLY FRIED

This Is a New Method, and the Results Will Justify the Time Spent on It.

Here's a new way to fry salt pork: Slice salt pork in slices a little thicker than bacon, remove the rind, place in a skillet of cold water and add a quarter of a teaspoonful of soda, bring to boil. Rinse with cold water, dredge with flour and place in lightly greased skillet.

Sprinkle lightly with red and black pepper and sift in a small amount of sage. Now sprinkle with sugar about as one would salt the same amount of fresh pork. Do not use too much.

Lastly, dust with nutmeg to give a pleasant aroma, but not sufficient to taste. Fry a light brown on both sides and remove to a hot platter.

Pour off the grease from the top, leaving about two tablespoonfuls of grease the skillet.

Place in a heaping tablespoonful of flour in skillet and stir till it becomes a rich brown. Pour in about a pint of milk and bring to a boil. Season with salt. Serve with gravy and meat separately.

Spinach with a dessert of hard boiled eggs and vinegar, is an excellent accompaniment to the above.

To Launder Woolen Garments.

To clean blankets or all-wool garments, shave up half a bar of any good laundry soap, add four tablespoonfuls of borax and a little water, and melt over the fire. Then add four tablespoonfuls of household ammonia, put in the tub and half fill the tub with cold water. Enter the articles to be cleaned, and let soak four hours. Then rinse in water containing four tablespoonfuls of ammonia. Do not wring. The article will be just like new and will not shrink.

Marbles in Fruit Kettle.

I have a neighbor who for some time has used marbles to keep her fruit from burning during the canning season, and she says the plan works admirably, writes a contributor. She washes half a dozen large marbles and drops them into the kettle when the fruit begins to boil. The bubbles, rising at the bottom of the kettle, keep the marbles moving over the surface in such a manner that the fruit does not touch the bottom long enough to be burned.—Mother's Magazine.

Pressed Chicken.

Cut a small chicken into four parts, boil in as little water as possible without burning, and watch constantly. When done very tender take out the meat, but keep broth boiling. Pick the meat from the bones, chop it, and add butter, pepper and salt. Take all fat of broth, then pour over the chopped chicken. Then press it, put plate on top with something heavy to hold it down. Set on ice and when very cold slice it and you will have a delicious supper or breakfast dish.

Practical Household Tips.

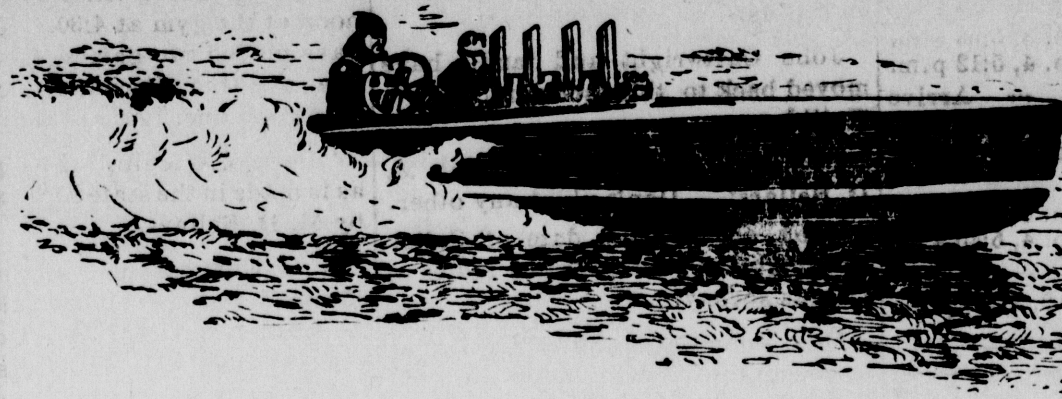
Cooked Beans.—If a little baking soda is added when cooking navy beans or shelled beans, they need not be soaked over night, and will be soft in about half the usual time.

Easy Cleaner.—Grease spots on wall paper may be removed by rubbing thoroughly with camphorated chalk.

Scorched Cloth.—Bread crumbs not too stale, rubbed over scorched cloth will cause the burn to disappear.—McClure's Magazine.

Spanish Salad.

Three pounds meat boiled, five ripe tomatoes, four red peppers, one can French peas, one can mushrooms, three large potatoes, one teaspoonful salt, one onion, one quart hot water, boiled rice or mashed potatoes. Will serve from six to eight persons.



The Fastest Boat in America

Up at Lake George last summer, on July 31, the motor boat "Baby Speed Demon" broke the world's record for speed, covering the thirty miles at the rate of 50 59-100 miles per hour. At Buffalo the "Baby Speed Demon," driven by Robert Edgren, sporting editor of the New York World, got two firsts and one second. In all, this little marvel won six firsts in nine free-for-all races during the season.

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and in a letter Robert Edgren says, "Texaco is good enough for me in the future—a tankful of your oil lasts twice as long as any other I have tried."

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NUTRITIOUS AND CHEAP

FISH DISHES THAT ARE REALLY WORTH WHILE SERVING.

Baked Mackerel Properly Prepared Should Be Popular With All—Haddock Stuffed or Served With Tomatoes Is Good.

Baked Mackerel.—Wipe out two mackerel with a damp cloth, and cut off the heads and tails. Split nearly through, so that they lie flat. Take out the backbones. Place them inside upward in a covered fireproof dish. Pepper and salt well, cover, place in a slow oven, and allow to steam in their own juice for half to one hour, according to the oven. Serve in the same dish.

Mustard Sauce for Mackerel.—Put in a basin pepper, salt, a little fine sugar and plenty of mustard powder. Pour on about equal quantities of vinegar and salad oil, and beat or whisk till thoroughly mixed and smooth. The result should be a sauce of the consistency of thin cream. A little taste of garlic improves the sauce. The garlic should be rubbed on the basin in which the sauce is mixed.

Baked Stuffed Haddock.—Wash, scale, and wipe a large fresh haddock, and remove the eyes. Prepare a stuffing with two ounces chopped suet, one ounce of bread crumbs, one teaspoonful herbs and parsley, and season with salt and pepper. Mix the stuffing with half an egg. Stuff the body of the fish with this, and sew up the opening. Pass a trussing needle, threaded with string, through the tail of the fish, center of body, and the eyes, draw the fish up into the shape of a letter S, brush it over with beaten egg, and sprinkle some breadcrumbs over it and a few pieces of dripping. Bake in a brisk oven for about half an hour or longer, basting frequently. Dish up and serve with brown sauce or gravy.

Haddock With Tomatoes.—Wipe the haddock and put it in a pie dish with a little milk and water, and cook it in the oven till tender. Skin three tomatoes, and cut them into slices; peel and chop finely half an onion. Cook four ounces of rice in salted water till tender, and drain. Skin and bone the haddock, and flake it. Melt an ounce of butter or dripping in a saucepan, add all the above ingredients, season with salt and pepper, and beat up thoroughly. Serve on a hot dish, and sprinkle over some chopped parsley.

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Backache

Miss Myrtle Cothrum, of Russellville, Ala., says: "For nearly a year, I suffered with terrible backache, pains in my limbs, and my head ached nearly all the time. Our family doctor treated me, but only gave me temporary relief. I was certainly in bad health. My school teacher advised me to

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